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In Council of Safety State of Vermont
Manchester 11th July 1777

Gentlemen,

The inclosed is a Copy of General St Clair's 86
Letter to the Convention of this State by which you will learn his requests to the Militia of your State; no further accounts have arrived since the Date of the inclosed, except that there are small scouting parties foraging in the woods. You will learn the provision General Schuyler has made for the protection of this State, and you will naturally understand, that when we cease to be a Frontier, your State must take it. — would beg your advice and assistance for the good of the whole, and have the Honour to be Gentlemen with Respect Your Most Obedient and very humble Servant by order of the Council

Ira Allen Secy

N.B. News has this moment come to hand that General Howe with his Army have got up North River as far as Poppon near the Highlands and that the Inhabitants are moving out of Albany. We hear that General Washington is with his Army in high Spirits watching the movements of the Enemy.

I. Allen

To the Hon Council of Safety
N. Hampshire State

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In Council of Safety of Vermont.

Manchester 15th July 1777.

To all Malitia Officers to whom it may concern,

This is the second and perhaps the the Last Express we may be able to send you from this Past. Your immediate assistance is absolutely necessary A few hundred military troops to be joined to our present strength would greatly add to our present encouragement — as by very late information, we learn that a large Scout of the Enemy are disposed to take a tour to this post. The inhabitents with their families cannot be quieted without an assurance of the arrival of troops directly for their assistance Your will please to let us know your determination without delay.

The Continental Stores at Bennington seem to be their present aim — You will be supplied with provisions here on your arrival — pray sent all the troops you can possibly raise, we can repulse them, if we have assistance.

I have the Honor to be your

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Humble Servt by order of Council

Ira Allen, Secty.

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In Council of Safety. State of Vermont
Manchester 15th July 1777

Gentlemen

This State in particular seems to be at present the object of distruction. By the surrender of the fortress of Ticonderoga a communication is opened to the Defenceless ~~inhabitants~~ on the frontiers, who having little more in present store than sufficient for the maintainance of their respective families and not ability to immediately remove their effects are therefore induced to accept such protection as are offered them by the Enemy. by this means Those Towns who are most Contiguous to them are under necessity of taking such protection. by which the next Town or Towns become equally a frontier as the former Towns before such Protection And unless we can obtain the assistance of our friends so as to put it immediately in our Power to make a sufficient Stand against such strength as they may send, it appears that it will soon be out of the Power of this State to maintain a frontier.

This Country notwithstanding its infancy seems as well supplied with provisions for Victualing an Army as any County on the Continent, so That on that account we cannot see why a Stand may not as well be made in this State as in the State of New Hampshire and more especially as the inhabitants are heartily disposed to defend their liberties- You Gentlemen, will be at once sensible that Every such Town as accept protection are rendered at that instant for ever incapable of affording us any further assistance and what is infinitely worse as Some Disaffected Persons eternally Lurk in almost every Town Such become double fortified to injure their Country Our good disposition to Defend ourselves and Make a frontier for your

State with our own cannot be carried into execution without your assistance, Should you send immediate assistance, we can help you, and should you neglect till we are put to the necessity of taking protection, you Readily know it is in a moment out of our power to assist you. Laying these circumstances together, will I hope induce Your Honors to take the same into consideration and immediately send us your determination in the Premises

I have the satisfaction to be your
Honors most obdt and very
Humbl Servt. By Order of Council
Ira Allen Secry

The Honorable the Council of Safety
State of New Hampshire

P.S. By express this moment received we Learn that between 3 & 6 Thousand of the Enemy are fortifying at the town of Castleton. Our case calls loud for immediate assistance. I. Allen

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In Council of Safety, State of Vermont
Bennington 28 July 1777.

To _____

You are hereby required (agreeable to a previous resolve of this Council) to seize all lands, tenements, goods and chattels, of any person or persons, in this state; whom you know, or may hereafter learn, to have repaired to the enemy, and a true inventory thereof to take and return to this Council, except articles as are wanted for the use of the army; which if wanted at Manchester or elsewhere, where there is a Contractor to receive and pay for them.

You will appoint three persons noted for good judgment, which after being duly sworn, to appraise the same, and all other movable effects you are to sell at public vendue, except such necessaries as humanity requires for the support of such families. And after paying necessary charges, you are to remit the remainder of the money to this Council. You will take the natural and artificial marks of every creature you shall receive, or take, and their age, from whom they came, for what sold, and to whom sold. You are to lease out all such lands and tenements at a reasonable price, not exceeding two years, giving the preferance to such persons as have been drove from their farms by this war. You are further authorized to arrest any person, or persons, you shall have sufficient grounds to believe are enemies to the liberties of this and the United States of America, and all such persons as you shall arrest, you will seize all their movable effects (where there is any danger of their being embezzled) and keep in safe custody until after trial. If they are acquitted to give unto such person or persons such seizour, but if found guilty to make return to this Council. You are to call to your assistance such person or persons as you shall find necessary, keeping regular accounts of all your proceedures.

By Order of Council -
Ira Allen, Secy.